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SUBJ: PROCEDURES AS IMPORT RESTRICTIVE DEVICE LICENSING

1. MAY 3 STORY IN O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORTED THAT, WHILE GOB HAS NOT OFFICIALLY ADOPTED RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST PRODUCTS FROM ARGENTINA IN REACTION TO THE LATTER'S DECISION ON APRIL 23 TO SUSPEND IMPORTS, CACEX DIRECTOR BENEDITO MOREIRA HAS INDICATED THAT IMPORT LICENSES (GUIAS) ON ARGENTINE GOODS ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER LONGER DELAYS IN RECEIVING APPROVAL. PURPOSE OF DELAYS WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE GOA TO MODIFY ITS POLICY REGARDING BRAZIL, WHICH IS ARGENTINA'S PRINCIPAL MARKET FOR APPLES AND OLIVE OIL. PAPER QUOTED TRADE OFFICIALS AS STATING THAT DELAYS IN ISSUING IMPORT GUIAS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GOB PROTEST LODGED IN LAFTA AGAINST ARGENTINE ACTION. THE SAME SOURCES INDICATED BELIEF THAT ARGENTINA WILL LIFT SUSPENSION IN THE FIRST HALF OF MAY, AT LEAST FOR ITS LAFTA PARTNERS.

2. ON MAY 6 JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTED THAT A GOB INTERAGENCY

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COMMITTEE ON LAFTA AFFAIRS WAS STUDYING "EXTRA-OFFICIAL

FORMULAS" TO PERMIT BRAZIL TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE PROTECTIONIST MEASURES ADOPTED BY ARGENTINA. THE PAPER REFERRED TO CACEX INTENTION TO DELAY IMPORT GUIAS FOR ARGENTINE GOODS AS "OPERATION TURTLE" AND COMMENTED THAT SUCH ACTION COULD NOT LEAD TO FORMAL ACCUSATIONS THAT BRAZIL WAS ADOPTING RETALIATORY MEASURES OR VIOLATING ANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OTHER INDICATIONS OF GOB WILLINGNESS TO USE LICENSING OR PERMIT PROCEDURES TO RESTRICT IMPORTS. REPRESENTATIVE OF US AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER TOLD US THAT, DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR GOB CIVIL AIR OFFICIAL ON INCREASED TARIFFS ON GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT, LATTER HAD COMMENTED THAT REQUESTS FOR REDUCTIONS IN TARIFFS WOULD NOT BE MEANINGFUL BECAUSE GOB DID NOT INTEND TO ISSUE ANY IMPORT PERMITS.
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